Diversion of rice meant for mid-day meal

1410. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that eight rice-laden trucks belonging to some N.G.O. were seized in the Capital's Samaipur Badli area in December, 2005;

(b) whether these trucks were carrying F.C.I. stock, officially bound for distribution in School in Bulandshahr, U.P. under mid-day meal scheme but ended up in Delhi;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action Government have taken against the person for selling wheat meant for mid-day meal scheme in the black market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) A detailed enquiry was conducted by Director of Basic Education, Government of Uttar Pradesh. As per the report, 8 truck loads carrying 2760 sacks of rice lifted from FCI depot in Bulandshahar District, Uttar Pradesh (UP) meant for Mid-Day Meal Scheme were seized in Delhi. The rice was illegally taken out of the district by three Non-Government Organizations, namely, Ekata Shakti Sangathan, Bharatiya Manav Kalyan Parishad and Induf Social Welfare Foundation, who were assigned the responsibility of cooking the mid-day meal in the district for implementing the programme. The State Government has taken the following actions:—

(i) The contract of the concerned NGOs has been cancelled.

(ii) An FIR has been lodged against these three NGOS.

(iii) Basic Shiksha Adhikari, Bulandshahr has been suspended.

(iv) Orders have been issued for speical audit of the funds of the NGOs.

(v) Ban on inter-district transfer of foodgrains issued under MDM Scheme has been imposed.

Beside, an FIR at Delhi has also been lodged by Delhi Police.